

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 28 to 31 and 33 to 49, all other claims having been cancelled.

Claims 34 to 42 stand withdrawn but in view of the Examiner's comments thereon, it is assumed that the withdrawn claims will be recombined with the allowed claims since the method of use claims are of the same scope as the compounds claims now. Therefore, Applicants request that the claims be rejoined.

Claims 28 to 31, 33 and 43 to 49 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner objected to claims 28 and 33 since T had only a single variable and claim 31 was objected to as being indefinite in the T substituent and in claim 43, the Examiner suggested that R₁a and R₁b be deleted from the claim.

Applicants respectfully traverse these grounds of rejection since the amended claims are believed to properly define the invention and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested. Claims 28 to 31 and 44 to 49 have been cancelled.

Claim 43 has been amended to replace "R₁" in the formula and to delete "a" and "b" from the claim. Therefore, the amended claims are believed to comply with 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

The present amendment limits the application to the compound of claim 43 and its method of use and the other compound claims were directed to intermediate products which will be presented in a divisional application. Therefore, joinder of the remaining claims is believed to be proper.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is believed that the claims point out applicants' patentable contribution and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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